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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
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For: **Operational Amplifier with Increased Common Mode Input Range**  
Inventors: Blecker *et al.*  
Our Ref: 1875.2570002/RES/GSB

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

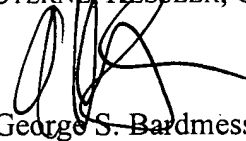
1. Amendment and Reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111; and
2. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated **September 9, 2004**, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks. This Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) Each section begins on a separate sheet;
- (B) Starting on a separate sheet, a complete listing of all of the

claims:

- in ascending order;
- with status identifiers; and
- with markings in the currently amended claims;

- (C) Starting on a separate sheet, the Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby

petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.